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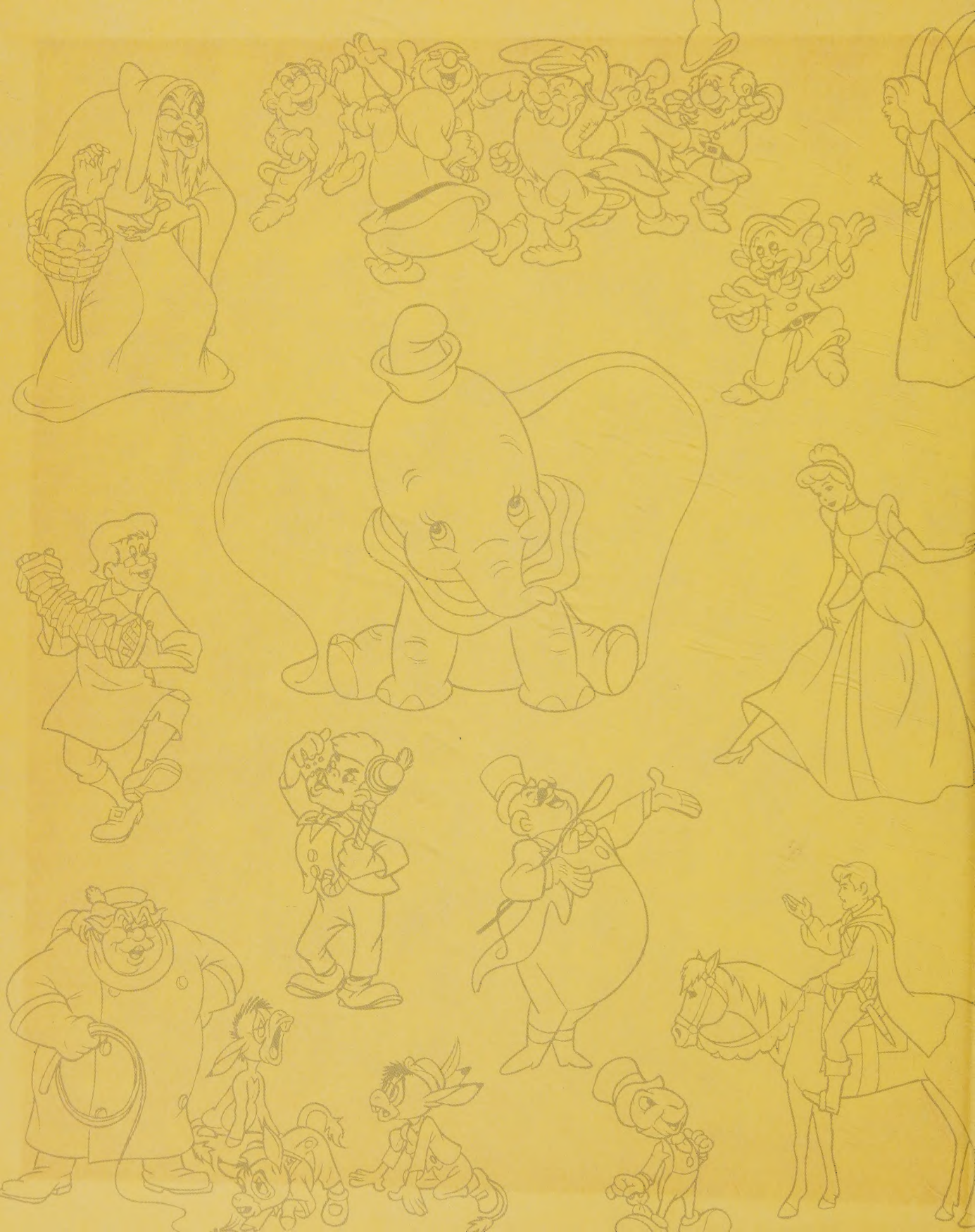

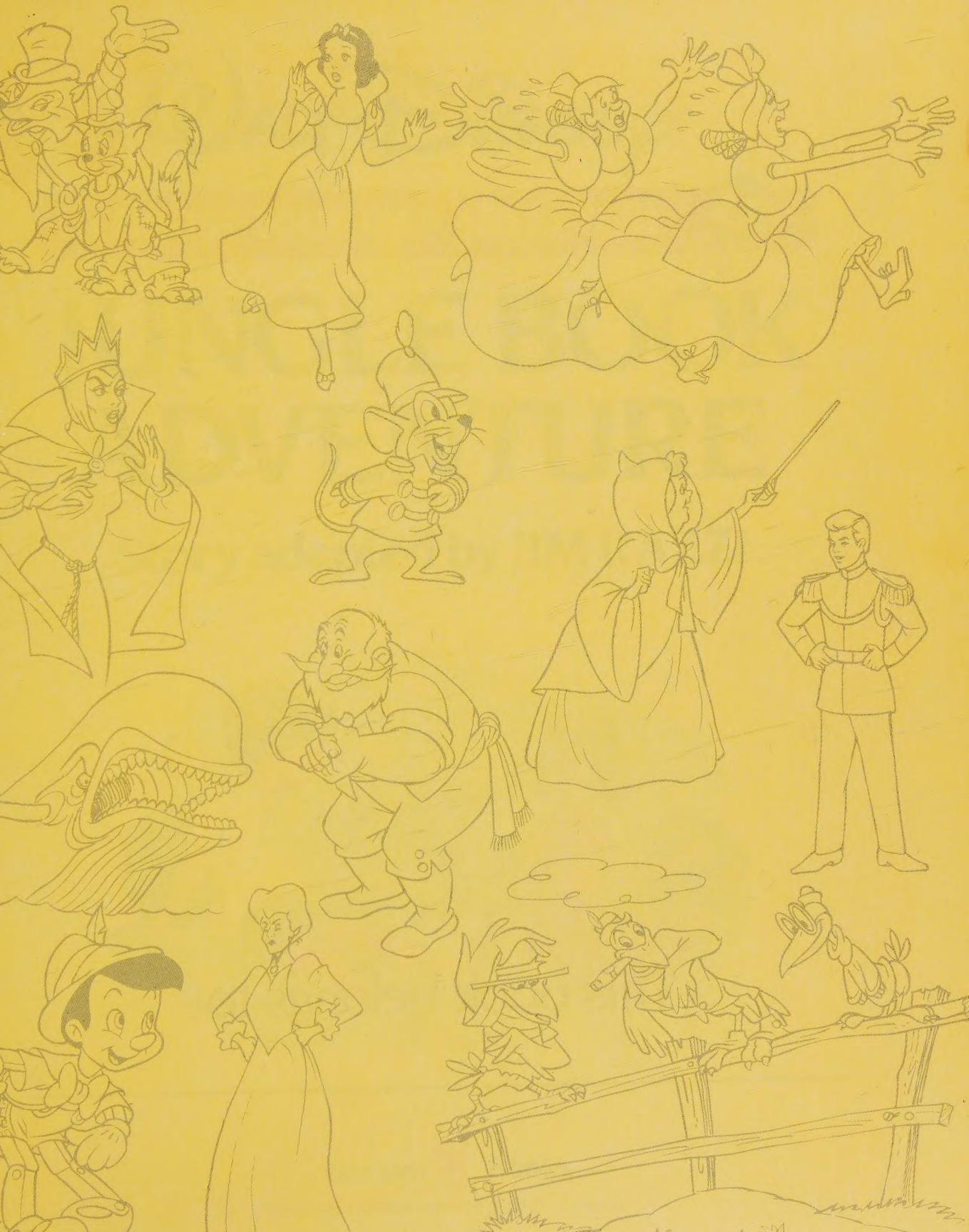

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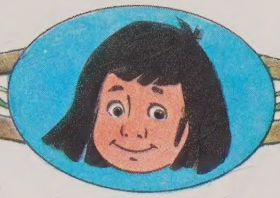

READ THIS FIRST!!!

Most books are about other people.

This book is about you—and Mowgli. Mowgli (rhymes with cow-glee) is a little boy who was raised by wolves in the jungle.

Whatever happens in this story depends on what you decide to do.

Do not read this book from the first page through to the last page. Instead, start on page one and read until you come to your first choice. Decide what you want to do. Then turn to the page shown and see what happens.

When you come to the end of a story, go back and try another choice. Every choice leads to a new adventure.

You and Mowgli will have many exciting adventures in the jungle. But beware of the man-hating tiger, Shere Khan!

If you're ready for your first adventure, turn to page one.

You live in a small village at the edge of a deep, dark jungle.

You've heard many strange and wonderful tales about the jungle and the animals who live there. Someday you hope to explore the jungle yourself.

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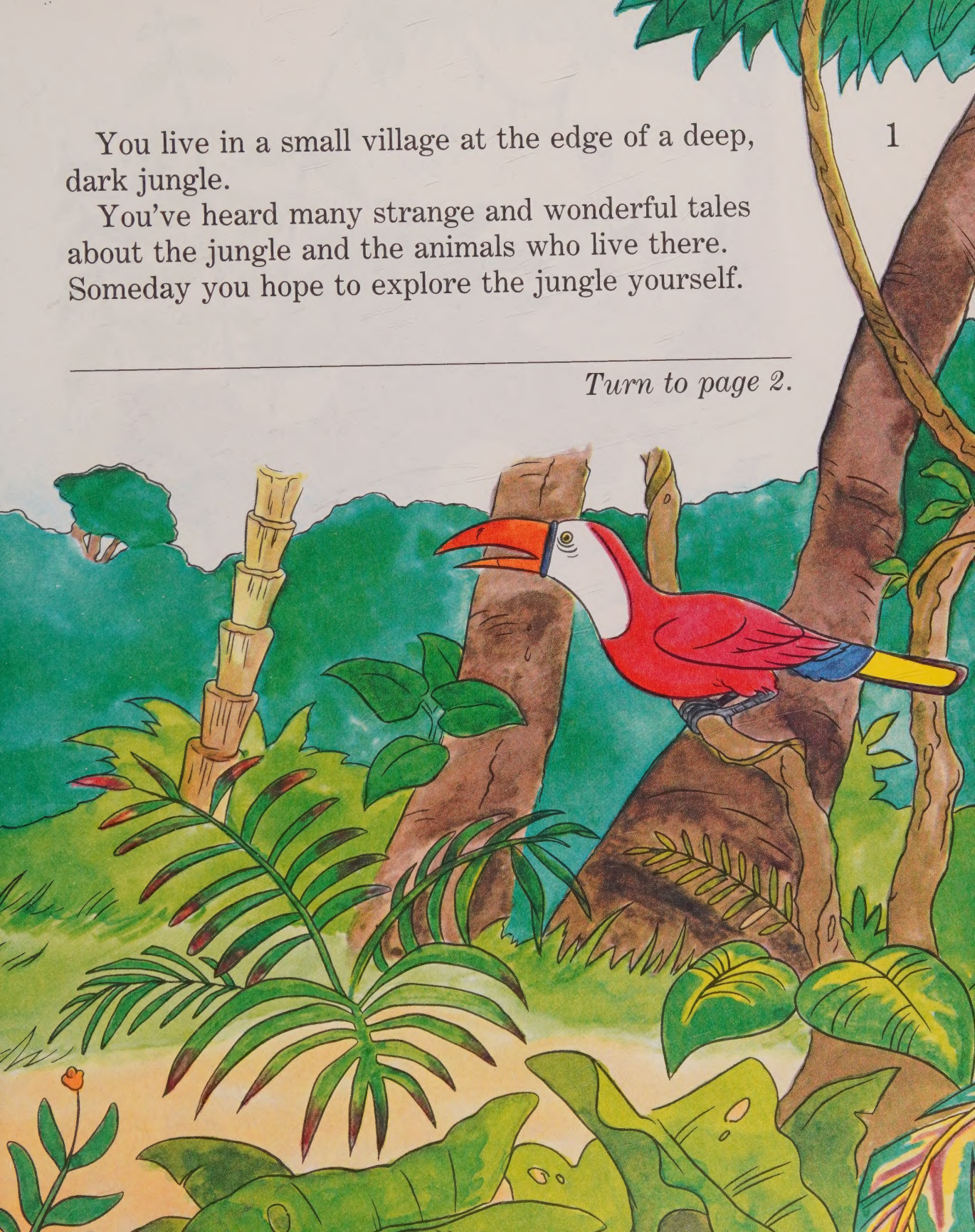

One day you're standing outside your house when you see a baby mongoose. It would make a great pet—if you can catch it. The small, furry animal dashes off. You race after it—into the jungle!

You run as fast as you can, but the speedy mongoose gets away. And now you're lost!

As you look about, you hear a voice call, "Hello there!" A boy is waving to you from behind a tree.

Go on to the next page.

The boy comes over to you. "I can see you are lost," he says. "I'm lost, too."

"Who are you?" you ask.

"My name is Mowgli."

There is a sudden rustle of leaves. Then a deep growl comes from the bushes. It sounds like a tiger!

Should you and Mowgli run? What if the tiger chases after you? Maybe you should hide—but the tiger might find you.

If you run, turn to page 4.

If you hide, turn to page 6.

4 You and Mowgli run until you reach a wide river. You jump in and swim toward some tall reeds. You hide behind them, listening to the tiger growling nearby. Finally the sound fades away.

You breathe a sigh of relief. You're safe!

Mowgli turns to you and says, "You look like me. You must be from a man village."

"Yes, I am," you reply.

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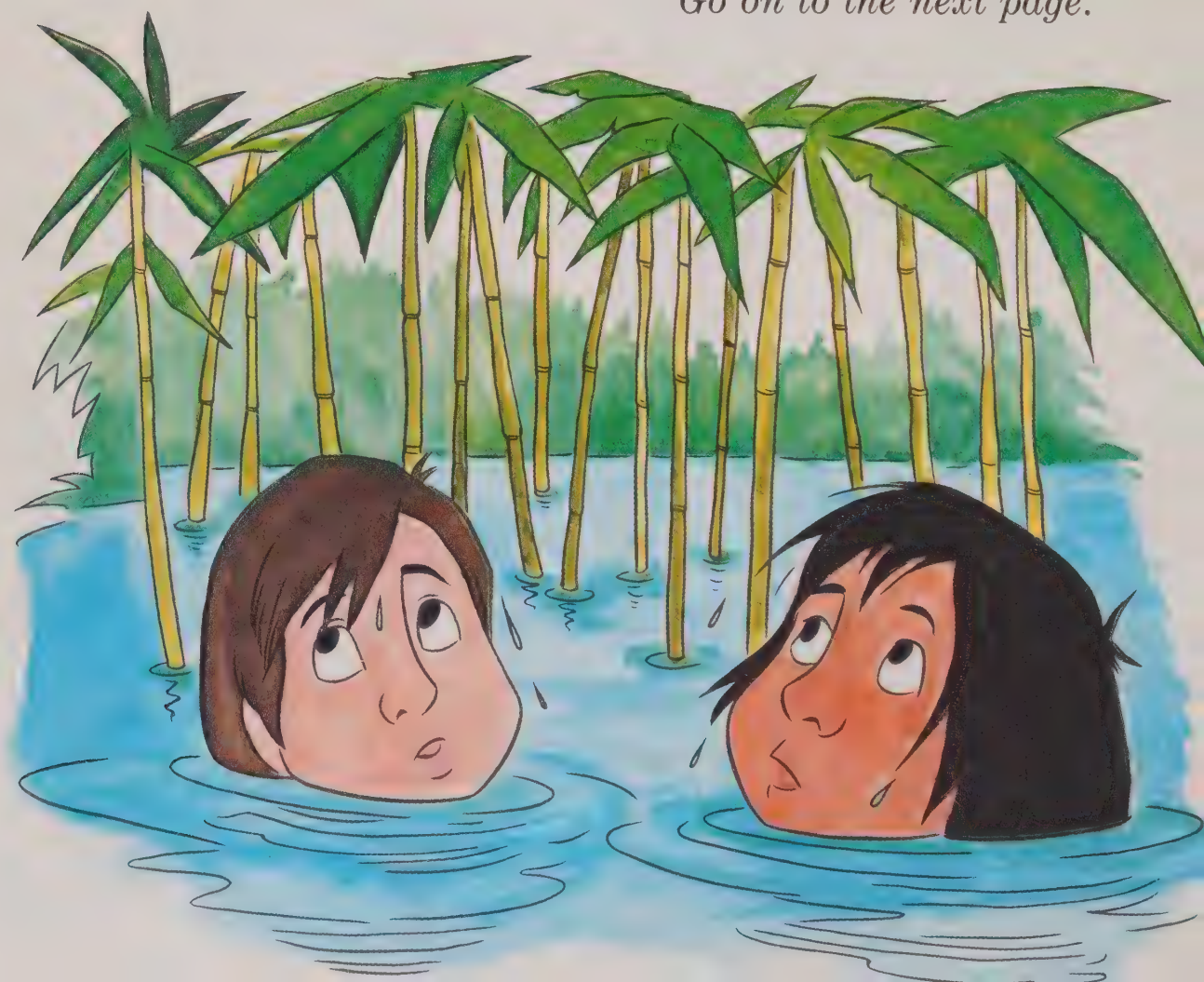

"I have never been to a man village," Mowgli says as you get out of the water. "I was raised by Mother Wolf and have been living with her and my wolf brothers. But now Shere Khan, the man-hating tiger, has returned to the jungle. I must leave or he will eat me!"

Then Mowgli says, "It's awfully hot. Why don't we take a real swim?"

A swim sounds nice, but you're a little tired.

If you go swimming, anyway, turn to page 8.

If you decide to rest on the grass instead, turn to page 11.

You see a small cave among some rocks and crawl into it. Mowgli scampers in after you.

"What are you doing alone in the jungle?" you whisper to Mowgli, once you are safely inside.

"I have been raised by wolves," he replies. "But I had to leave Mother Wolf and my wolf brothers because Shere Khan, the man-hating tiger, is back in the jungle now. I must leave the jungle or he will eat me!"

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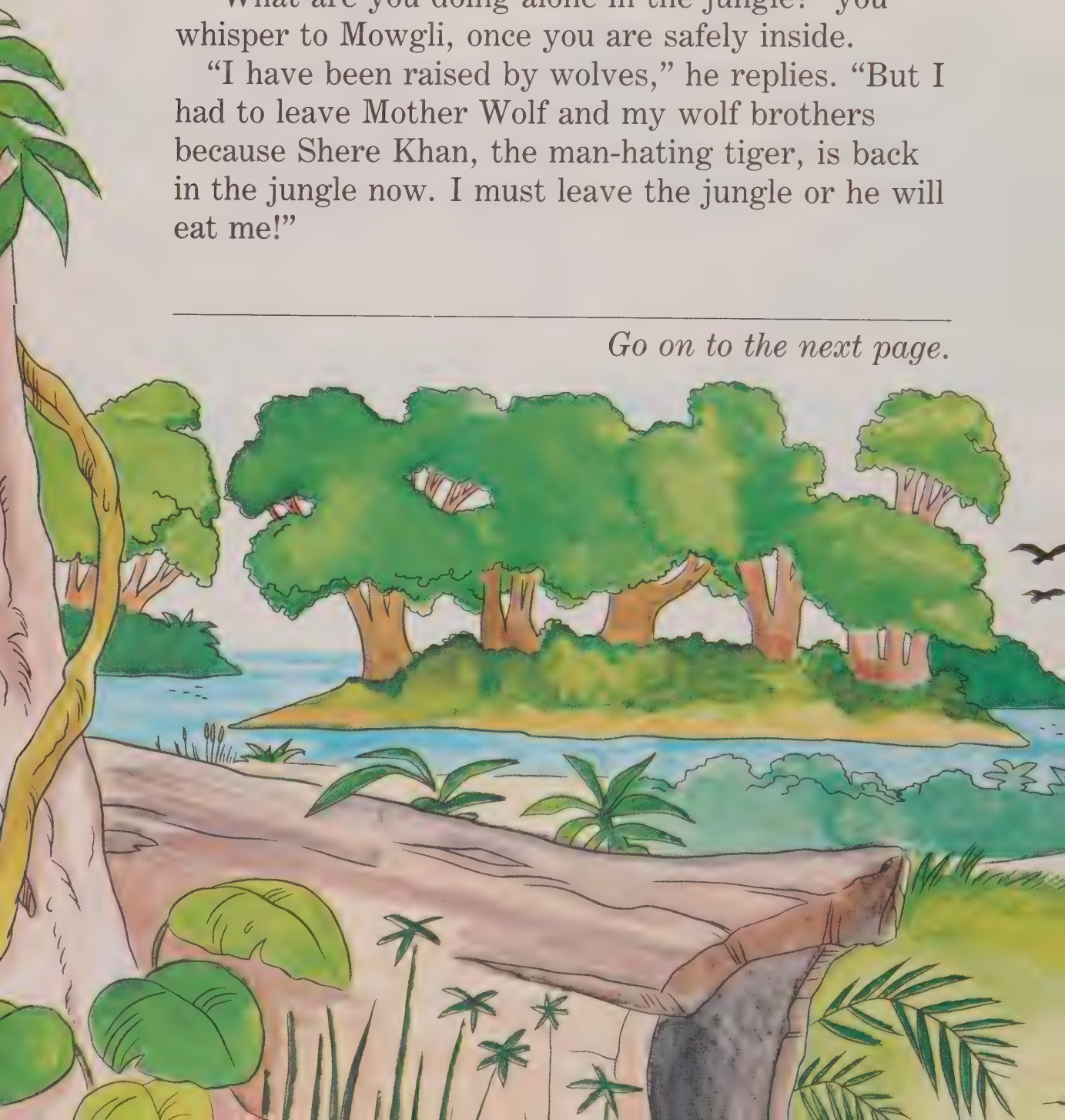

"And I suppose he would come after you, too," Mowgli continues. "You look just like me. Are you from a man village?"

Before you can answer, you hear sniffing and shuffling sounds.

The sounds come closer and closer—right up to the entrance of the cave.

It must be the tiger!

Turn to page 12.

As you and Mowgli play in the water, you drift closer and closer to a strong current.

Suddenly you are swept away. Down the river you shoot, like two sticks!

Luckily, Mowgli's panther friend, Bagheera, bounds up to the river's edge and sees you.

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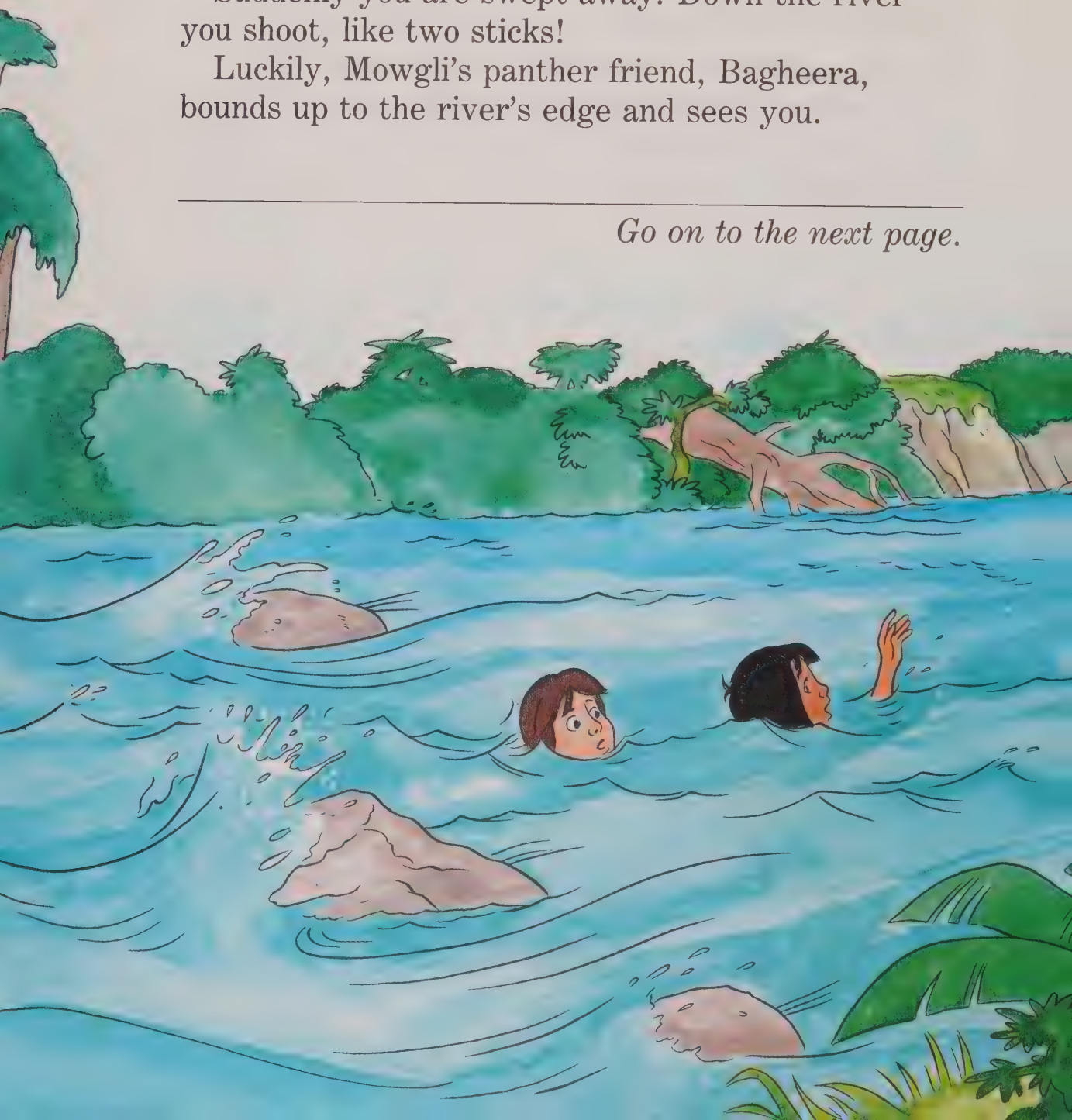


"Bagheera! Help us!" Mowgli cries.

But you don't think Bagheera can save you. You're moving faster and faster.

You hear a loud roaring sound. You're heading for a waterfall—a high one!

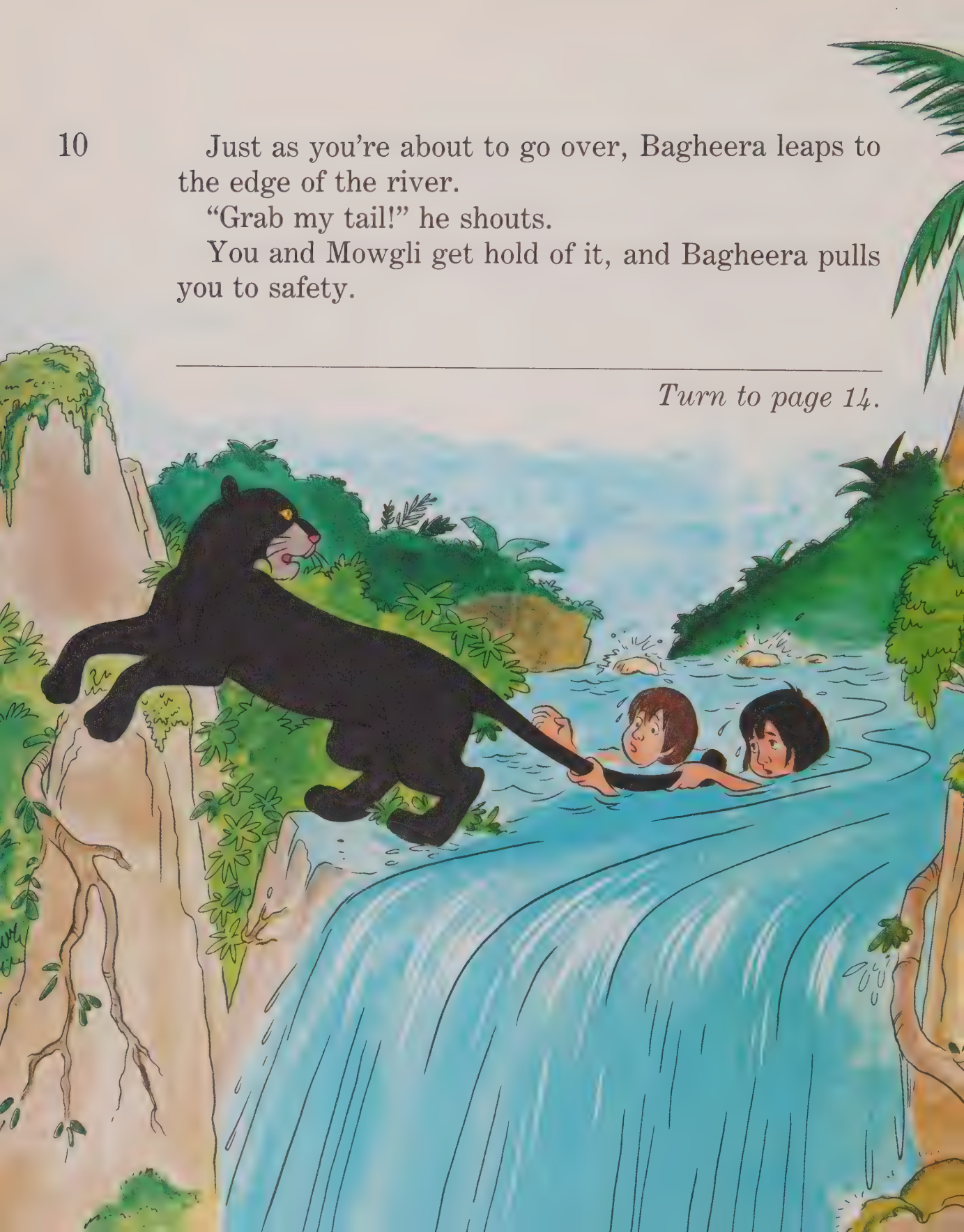
Turn to page 10.

Just as you're about to go over, Bagheera leaps to the edge of the river.

"Grab my tail!" he shouts.

You and Mowgli get hold of it, and Bagheera pulls you to safety.

Turn to page 14.



You lie down on the grass while Mowgli goes swimming.

The grass feels so soft. Slowly your eyes begin to close. . . .

Soon you start to dream that you're being squeezed by two elephants!

Turn to page 27.

A giant paw slowly enters your hiding place.

You and Mowgli shrink back into the cave. Then the paw disappears and a furry brown face peeks in. A happy voice says, "Hello there!"

It's not a tiger, it's a bear.

"Baloo!" Mowgli shouts. "My friend."

Baloo invites you and Mowgli to come play with him. "You'll make great bears!" he says. "I can tell."

Go on to the next page.

Soon you and Mowgli are having as much fun as two bear cubs. When you come to a tall tree with a beehive high in the branches, you start to climb up. You want to taste the delicious honey!

"Be careful," Mowgli says. "The bees don't like to lose their honey. They might sting you."

What should you do?

If you keep climbing the tree, turn to page 16.

If you listen to Mowgli, turn to page 20.

Back on the riverbank, you dry off in the sun. Bagheera tells you that he was taking Mowgli to a man village to keep him safe from Shere Khan, the tiger. But Mowgli ran away because he didn't want to go.

"Oh, please, Mowgli," you say, "change your mind! Why don't you come to *my* village?"

"No," Mowgli says. "I'm not afraid of old Shere Khan. I want to go back to my wolf brothers."

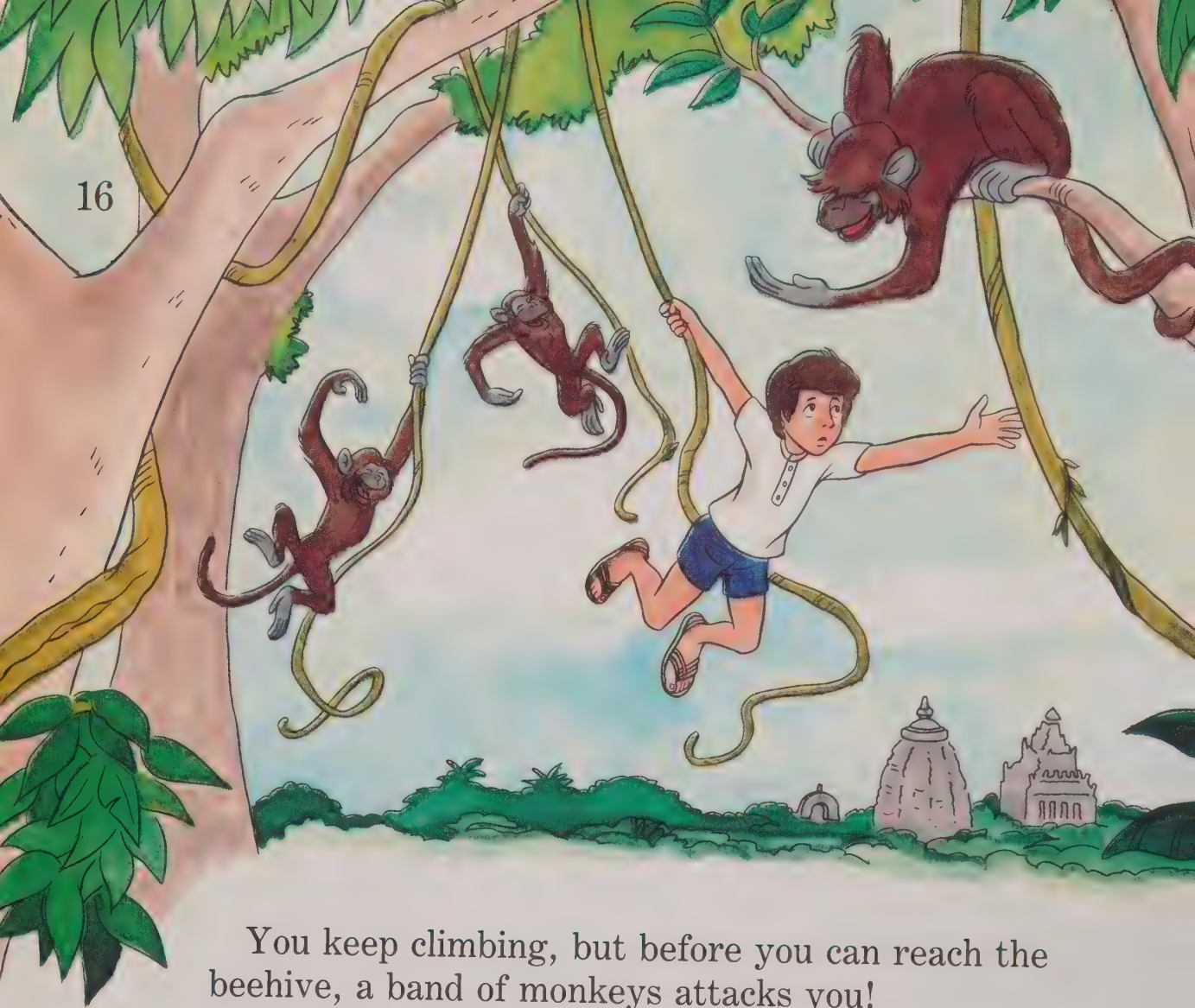
Go on to the next page.

Bagheera sees that Mowgli will not leave the jungle. "Well," he says to you, "I was taking Mowgli to your village, anyhow. Would you like me to take you back? I'm heading that way." Before you can answer, Bagheera starts to move away.

You would like to go back to your village, but you're not sure you want to leave Mowgli yet.

If you stay with Mowgli, turn to page 18.

If you follow Bagheera, turn to page 36.



You keep climbing, but before you can reach the beehive, a band of monkeys attacks you!

You grab a vine and swing from tree to tree, trying to escape. The monkeys are right behind you!

Below you is an ancient temple. You are too tired to go on, so you drop wearily to the ground.

Before you can hide, the monkeys pick you up and carry you to their king, Louie, who is waiting in the temple.

Go on to the next page.

"Tell me," King Louie says, "do you know the secret of making Man's Red Flower?"

"Do you mean fire?" you ask. You've heard that the jungle animals are so afraid of fire that they never call it by its real name. "Yes, I can make fire."

You pick up two sticks and rub them together over some dry twigs and grass. Soon a small blaze is going. The monkeys stand back in awe.

Turn to page 24.

You and Mowgli wander through the jungle. Mowgli misses his wolf family and feels sad.

You stop to rest at a rocky clearing where a flock of vultures has gathered. When the vultures see Mowgli's unhappy face, they try to cheer him up with jokes and funny dances.

Soon you are all laughing and joking.

Go on to the next page.

But in the midst of the fun, you hear a deep growl. You turn around. And Shere Khan, the man-hating tiger, stalks into the clearing!

Turn to page 28.

You climb down, leaving the honey behind.

"Follow me!" says Baloo.

Just then, two big monkeys swing down from the trees. They grab Mowgli and carry him off!

"Baloo, what should we do?" you cry.

"Let's go after them," answers Baloo. "I'll think of some way to rescue Mowgli."

Go on to the next page.

You trail the monkeys to the ruins of an ancient temple. You watch as they march Mowgli before their king, Louie.

"Man cub," King Louie says, "tell me the secret of Man's Red Flower."

"Man's Red Flower?" repeats Mowgli. "I don't know the secret."

Louie must be talking about fire. The jungle animals are so afraid of fire that they never call it by its proper name.

Turn to page 22.

"You don't know?" King Louie roars. "Then I must punish you! But first we shall have a feast. Music!" he shouts.

As the music begins, a big lady ape passes before the king and waves to him. Louie jumps up and dances with her.

You can see that the lady ape is really Baloo in disguise. But the monkeys don't know that.

When you think no one is looking, you grab Mowgli and run. But some of the monkeys chase after you!

Go on to the next page.

You scramble through the temple ruins. Ahead of you is a fierce-looking statue atop a broken column. If you can get the statue down, you might be able to frighten the monkeys away with it.

Then you see a way up to the roof of the temple. Maybe it would be better to hide up there.

If you try to get hold of the statue, turn to page 40.

If you climb to the temple roof, turn to page 34.

Since you have the secret of fire, the monkeys kick out King Louie and make you their new king!

"But I don't want to be king!" you say.

The monkeys pay no attention. They drag you to Louie's throne and seat you on it.

Then they choose the biggest and meanest-looking monkey to be your personal guard.

Go on to the next page.

"I wouldn't mind being a king," you think, "but not the king of the monkeys!"

The monkeys bring you a gift—a big bunch of bananas! You sit very still, staring at the gift. The giant monkey glares at you. They're all waiting for you to eat the royal bananas.

And the truth is—you hate bananas!

The End

You wake with a start. You *are* being squeezed! But not by elephants. Instead, you are in the clutches of Kaa, the yellow-eyed python!

And everyone knows that once a python has you in its grip, it's always . . .

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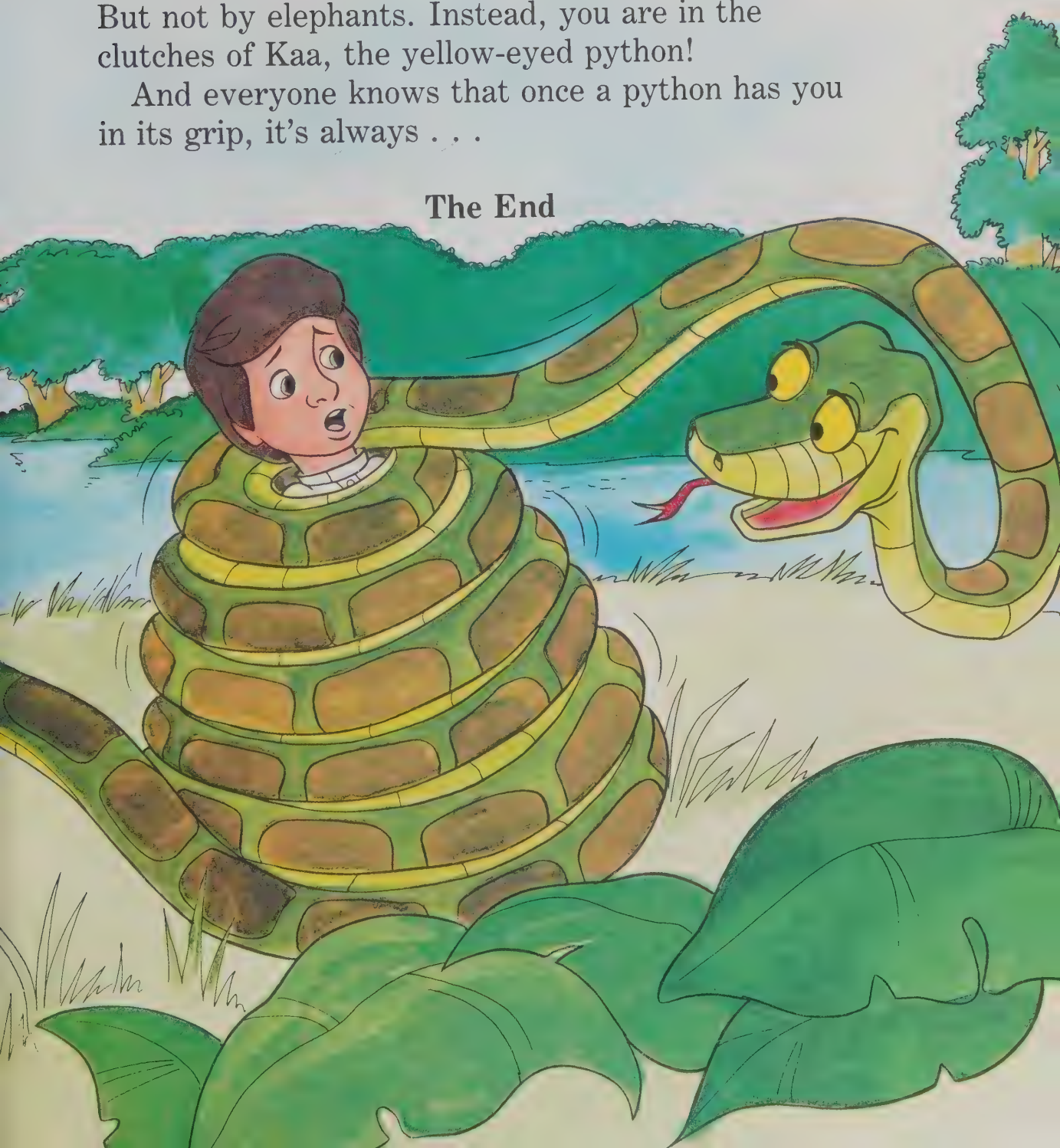

"Run, run!" the vultures squawk. They fly off, leaving you and Mowgli to face Shere Khan alone.

A sharp *crack!* booms out, and the tiger stops in his tracks.

With more loud squawking, the vultures return to help. One of them grabs Mowgli in his strong talons. He flies him to the tree that has just been struck by lightning.

Mowgli breaks off two burning branches and returns with them. He gives you one.

Go on to the next page.

"Fire!" Mowgli cries. "It's the only thing Shere Khan is afraid of." The tiger snarls in anger and fear.

You stand back. Shere Khan is ferocious! Are you brave enough to face him with Mowgli? You see a large rock on the ground. Maybe you could sneak behind Shere Khan and attack him from there.

If you face Shere Khan with Mowgli, turn to page 30.

If you attack him from behind, turn to page 33.

Shere Khan snarls and swipes at you with his sharp claws.

Then you and Mowgli hit him over the head with your burning branches. "We have set you on fire!" Mowgli cries.

Shere Khan is not on fire, but his beautiful fur has been singed, and he is very frightened. He spins around and goes bounding out of the clearing.

"I hope that's the last we see of him," Mowgli says.

Turn to page 38.

You aim carefully, throw the rock—and miss!

Shere Khan turns to attack *you*!

Now what? The only thing you can think to do is to grab the tiger by the tail. The two of you run around and around. You can't let go.

You hope Mowgli helps you quickly. Otherwise, there's going to be a sad ending to this tale!

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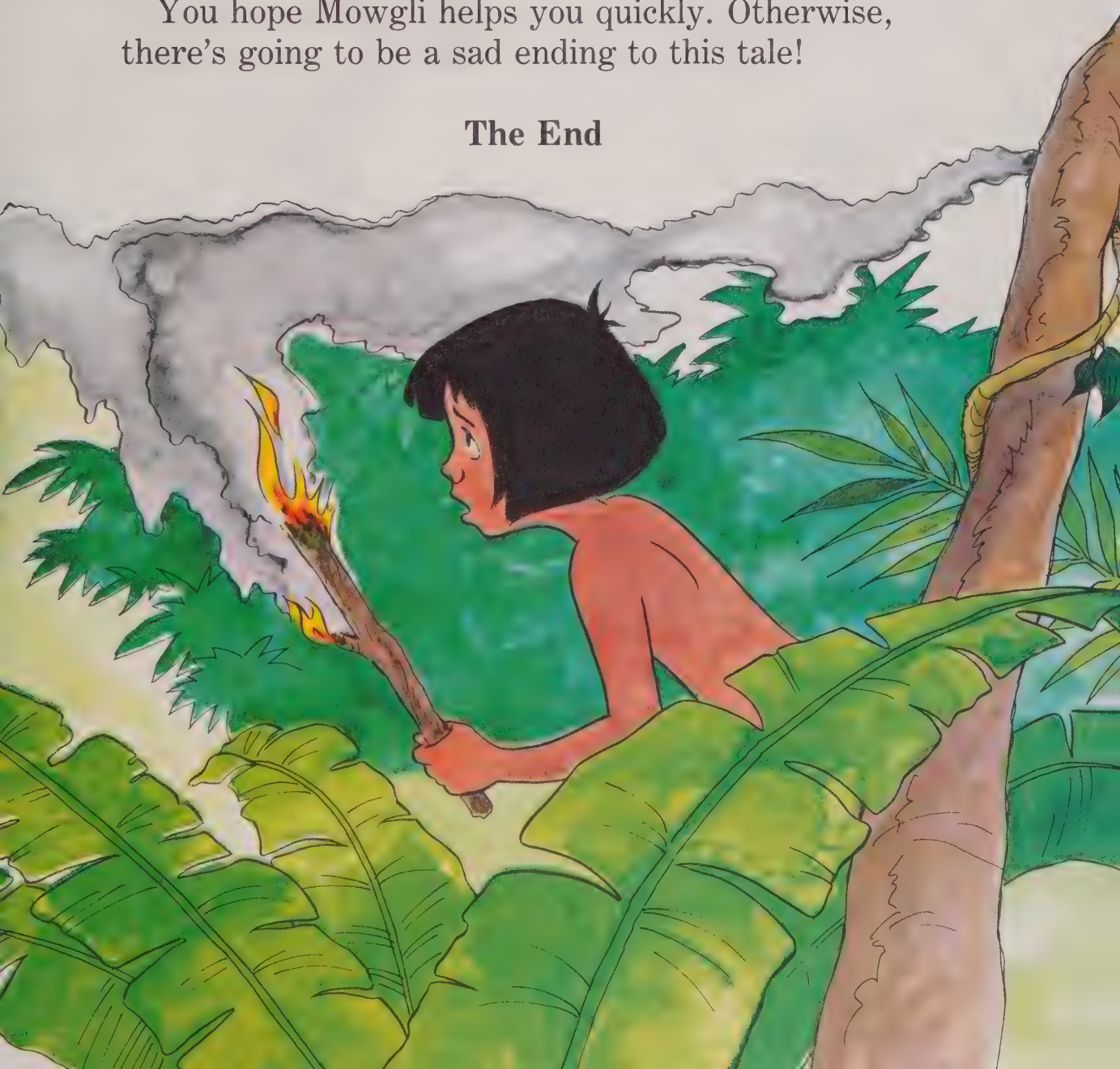

You reach the roof of the temple. There's no place to hide! But vines are hanging down from the trees all around you.

"Quick, Mowgli," you cry. "Grab a vine. We can swing away!"

Each of you grabs a stout vine. You sail through the air to a tree and grab another vine. Soon you and Mowgli are swinging through the jungle, leaving the temple and the monkeys far behind.

Go on to the next page.

When you finally stop to rest on a branch high up in a tree, you see your village below.

"It would be so much fun if you came back to my village with me," you tell Mowgli.

Mowgli thinks for a while and then says, "All right, I'll come. I would like to see how men live. And I don't want to lose a good friend like you!"

You smile. You feel the same way.

The End

You and Bagheera walk for what seems like miles. You begin to feel tired. It isn't easy to keep up with Bagheera.

As you slow down, you hear, "Hup, two, three, four." The ground starts to shake.

"What's that?" you ask.

"Oh, that's Colonel Hathi, the elephant, drilling his elephant troops," Bagheera answers.

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Bagheera stops. "I have an idea," he says. "Colonel Hathi!" he calls out. "Would you let my friend ride on one of your soldiers? He's a bit tired."

"Certainly," agrees the colonel.

You climb on the back of a huge elephant, and ride all the way to your village. Other jungle animals join you on the way.

The people in your village are very surprised to see you riding home, leading a parade of animals!

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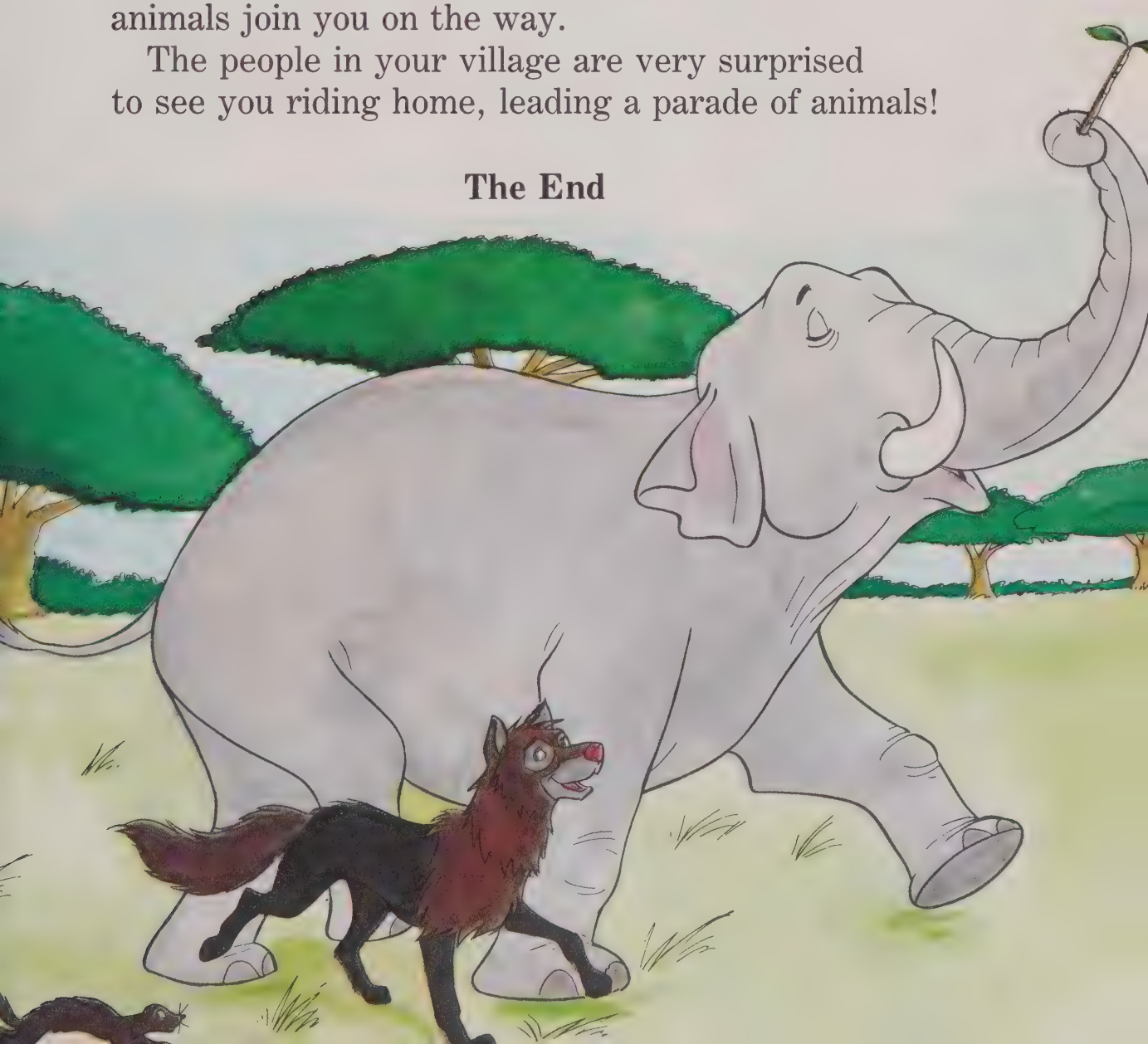

The sounds of a happy song float through the jungle. "That must be my friend Baloo!" Mowgli says.

In a moment, a big, jolly bear shuffles into the clearing. "I thought you might need some help," Baloo says to Mowgli. "Now I see that you and your friend were brave enough to fight Shere Khan on your own."

You ask Baloo if he knows the way back to your village.

"I do indeed," Baloo says. "I will be glad to take you home."

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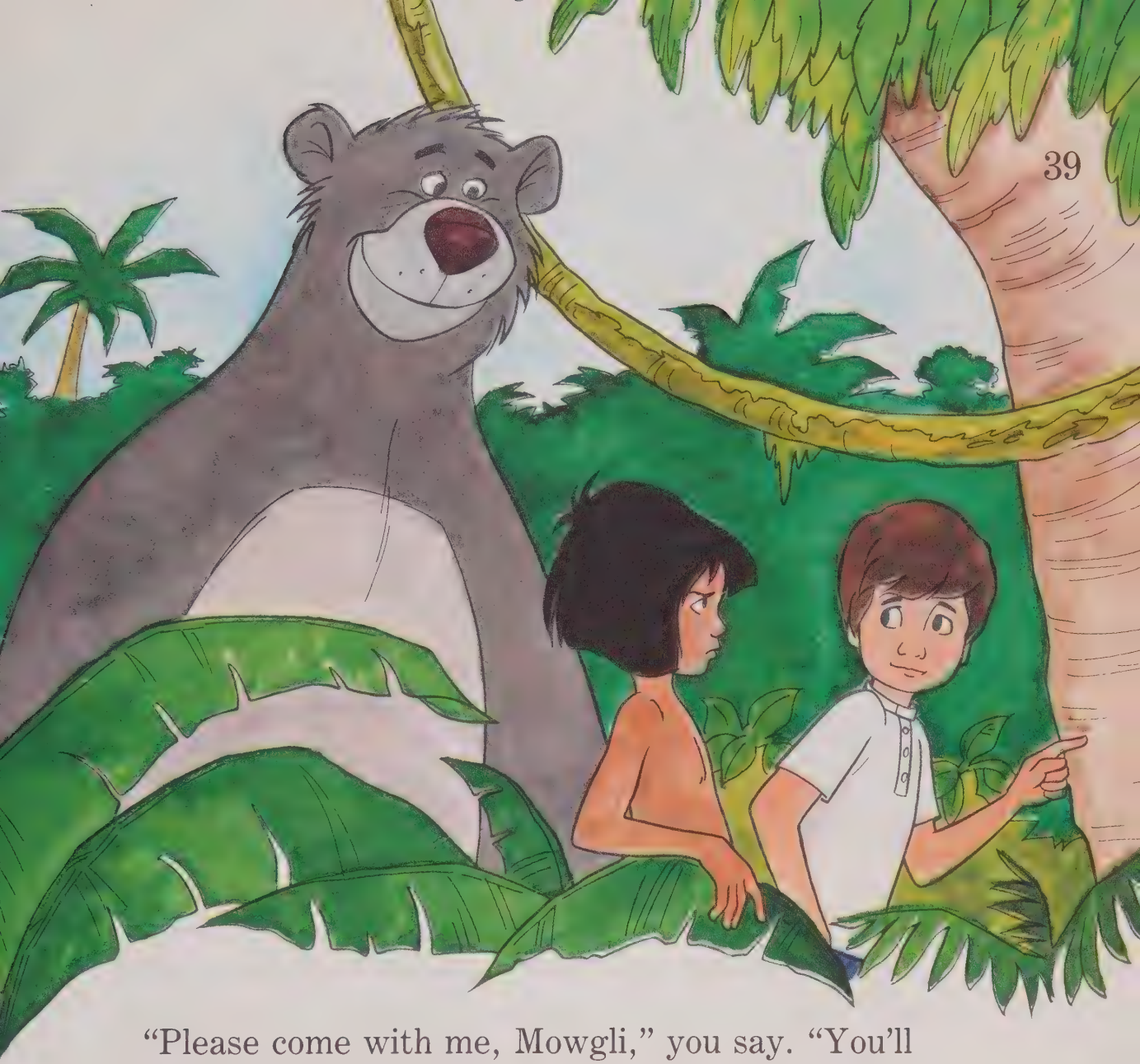

"Please come with me, Mowgli," you say. "You'll like my man village."

"Perhaps," Mowgli says. "I will come with you, but I may not stay."

Turn to page 42.

You and Mowgli tug at the statue with all your might. The monkeys are getting closer!

Finally you're holding the statue.

Just as you're about to try to frighten the monkeys, there's a loud groaning sound. The temple starts to shake and shudder.

Go on to the next page.

The monkeys' wild dancing and jumping were too much for the old temple. It comes crashing down with a roar. You and Mowgli find yourselves buried under tons of stone and dirt!

"Do you think Baloo will find us?" you ask Mowgli.

"I hope so," he answers with a sigh. "But all the same, I think we had better be ready to stay here for a long time!"

The End

After a long walk through the jungle, you and Mowgli and Baloo reach the river near your village.

Bagheera is waiting there, and you tell him about the tiger. "Now that Shere Khan is gone, Mowgli," he says, "you can return to Mother Wolf, in the jungle."

Mowgli stops to think. "I don't know," he says. "When I was fighting Shere Khan, I felt more like a man than an animal. Maybe the man village is where I belong after all."

Go on to the next page.

Just then, a girl from your village comes to the riverbank and fills a jar with water.

"What is that beautiful creature called?" Mowgli asks.

"She's called a girl," you say with a smile. "If you come with me, I'll let you meet her."

"All right," Mowgli says. He waves goodbye to his animal friends and walks with you into the village.

Bagheera and Baloo watch sadly. Then Bagheera nods wisely. "This is where Mowgli belongs," he says, "in the world of men, not of animals."

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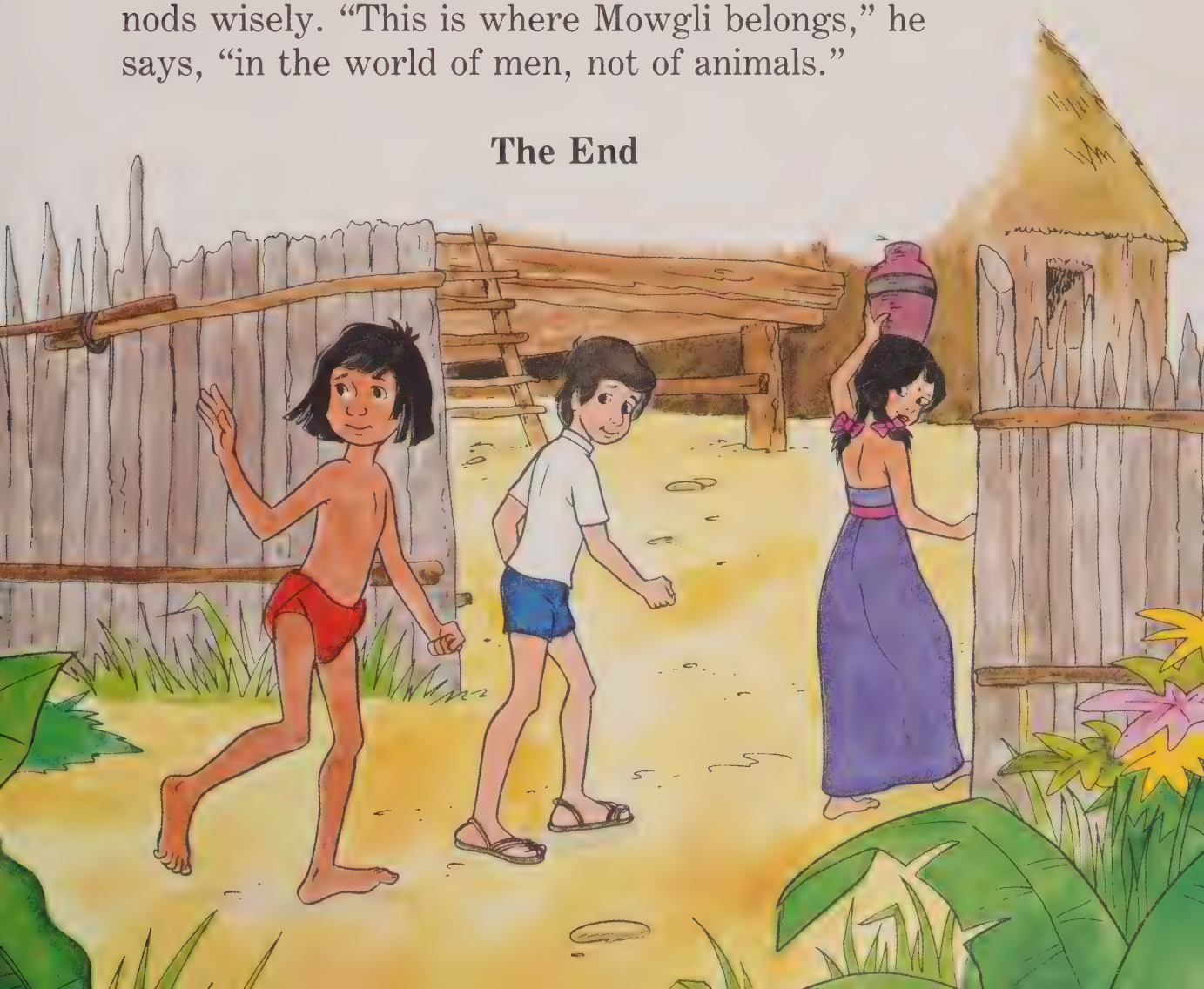

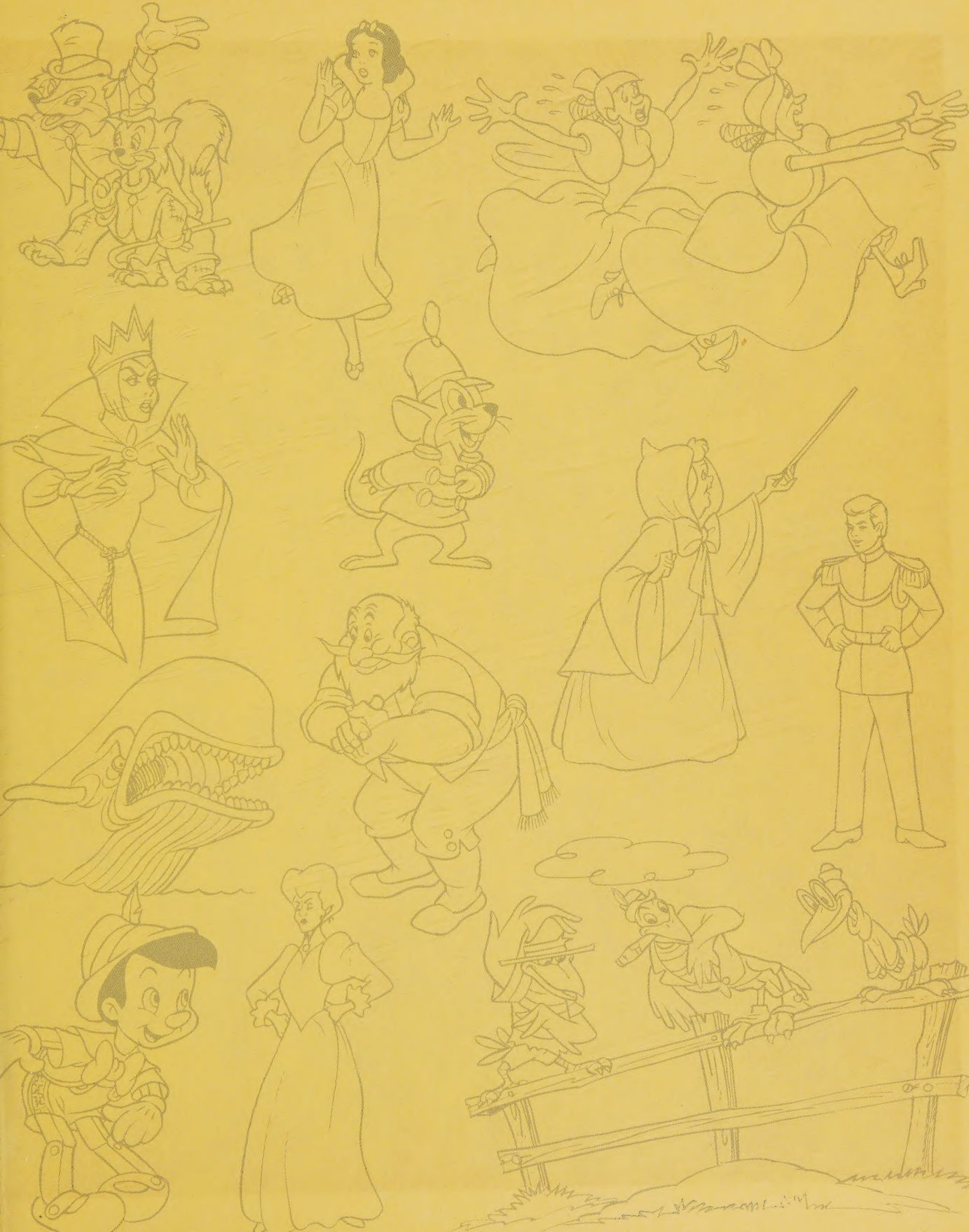

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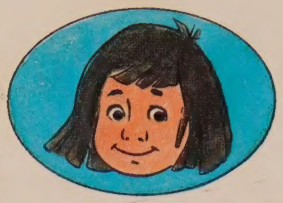

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Can you and Mowgli survive the dangers of your jungle adventure?

One day you chase a mongoose deep into the forest near your village. You are lost! You look up just in time to see a jungle boy waving to you from behind a tree. Suddenly there is a wild rustling of leaves—it's Shere Khan, the man-hating tiger! What should you do?

If you try to run away from the tiger, turn to page 4. If you decide to hide, turn to page 6. What happens next? It depends on the choices *you* make!

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